

Miscellaneous Original Applications

8.000 Introduction

This chapter provides the original registration requirements for revived salvage and revived junk vehicles, government surplus vehicles, and vehicles with unavailable records.

8.005 Reregistration of Total Loss Salvage Vehicle (Revived Salvage) (VC §11519)

The registration requirements for a total loss salvage vehicle are:

- A completed Application for Title or Registration (REG 343). The REG 343 must indicate if the vehicle was never registered in California **or** a separate Statement of Facts (REG 256) explaining that fact is required.
- A vehicle verification. Previously salvaged California or nonresident vehicles being restored for highway use **must be** inspected by an authorized DMV employee or referred to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for inspection.
- The California Salvage Certificate (REG 489) **or** California Certificate of Title **or** the out-of-state salvage certificate **or** out-of-state title.

NOTE: A completed Application for Salvage Certificate (REG 488C) and the fee are required for a vehicle revived before a Salvage Certificate is obtained. The Salvage Certificate is not actually issued in such cases.

- A Certificate of Used Vehicle (REG 496) for a salvaged new demonstrator vehicle.
- The Report of Sale—Used Vehicle (REG 51).
- Any bills of sale needed to establish a complete chain of ownership.
- Official Brake and Light Adjustment Certificates. If an official brake and light station that inspects specific vehicles, such as motorcycles and large commercial vehicles, is not located within a reasonable distance, submit a Statement of Facts (REG 256) from a repair shop attesting that the brakes and lights are in proper working order. Brake and Light Certificates **are not** required for a trailer under 3,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.

8.005 Reregistration of Total Loss Salvage Vehicle (Revived Salvage), continued

- A weight certificate, if a commercial vehicle. Refer to Section 9.025 for **Weight Certificate Exceptions**.
- Odometer mileage disclosure, if appropriate.
- A smog certification, if appropriate.
- Fees.

NOTE: Revived Salvage vs. Revived Junk—A salvage vehicle reported dismantled under VC §11520 is a revived junk if and/or when it is reregistered. A Salvage Certificate **must** be submitted for a revived salvage vehicle application.

8.010 Revived Junk (VC §11519)

Revived junk vehicles are registered by the original make and year model of the dismantled vehicle. Fees are based on the buyer's purchase price.

Registration Requirements—The requirements are:

- An Application for Title or Registration (REG 343).
 - The cost **must** include labor costs, even if provided or done by the applicant.
 - The driver license or identification card number (DL/ID#) for each owner must be shown. If an out-of-state DL/ID# is shown, print the state of issuance in the upper right corner on the face of the application.
- A vehicle verification. Previously junked vehicles (California or nonresident) must be inspected by an authorized DMV employee or referred to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for inspection.
- The Report of Sale—Used Vehicle (REG 51).
- The “junk” receipt or dismantler’s bill of sale **and** any other bills of sale required to establish a complete chain of ownership to the current buyer.
- Official Brake and Light Adjustment Certificates. If an official brake and light station that inspects specific vehicles, such as motorcycles and large commercial vehicles, is not located within a reasonable distance, submit a Statement of Facts (REG 256) from a repair shop attesting that the brakes and lights are in proper working order. Brake and Light Certificates are **not** required for a trailer under 3,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
- A weight certificate, if a commercial vehicle. Refer to Section 9.025 for **Weight Certificate Exceptions**.
- Odometer mileage disclosure, if appropriate.
- A smog certification, if appropriate.
- Fees. (All revived junk vehicles are subject to the Revived Junk/Salvage Inspection Fee shown in the Fees Appendix, Appendix 1F.)

8.015 Government Surplus Vehicles

Government agencies will sell vehicles operated beyond the prescribed mileage and/or years which are no longer feasible to repair as “surplus” or “surveyed” vehicles. The registration requirements for a U.S. Government surplus vehicle are:

- A completed Application for Title or Registration (REG 343).
- A vehicle verification.
- The Certificate of Release of Motor Vehicle (GSA Standard Form 97).
- The Report of Sale—Used Vehicle (REG 51).
- Any bill(s) of sale needed to establish a complete chain of ownership.
- A weight certificate for a commercial vehicle. Refer to Section 9.025 for **Weight Certificate Exceptions**.
- Odometer mileage disclosure, if appropriate.
- A smog certification, if appropriate.
- Fees.

8.020 Vehicles with Unavailable Records (VC §5911)

Vehicles **not** registered within the department’s four-year file record no longer appear on the department’s database and are referred to as “unavailable records” and are registered as shown below. (Refer to Section 8.025 for Motorcycles with Unavailable Records.)

NOTE: The “unavailable records” procedure **shall not** be used for a vehicle located out-of-state. The vehicle **must be** physically located in California.

Without a California Certificate of Title—If the prior California Certificate of Title is **not** available or if only a photocopy of a California registration card is available, then submit the following:

- The photocopy of the registration card.
- A completed Application for Title or Registration (REG 343).
- A vehicle verification.

NOTE: The department may accept a tracing of the vehicle identification number (VIN) when vehicle verification services are unavailable **and** verification would require movement of the vehicle to a DMV office by trailer. A Statement of Facts (REG 256) must be submitted with the tracing indicating what steps were taken to obtain a verification and why the vehicle cannot be taken to DMV.

- A Statement of Facts (REG 256) which explains:
 - how, when, and from whom the vehicle was acquired.
 - what effort was made to contact the last owner to obtain evidence of ownership and why it was unobtainable.
 - the current value of the vehicle.

8.020 Vehicles with Unavailable Records, continued

- A Report of Sale–Used Vehicle (REG 51) **and** any bills of sale needed to establish a complete chain of ownership.
- A weight certificate, if a commercial vehicle. Refer to Section 9.025 for **Weight Certificate Exceptions**.
- Odometer mileage disclosure, if appropriate.
- A smog certification, if appropriate.
- Any license plates on the vehicle.
- Fees.

With a California Certificate of Title and/or Original Registration Card—If the California title and/or an original registration card (**not** a photocopy) **is** available, then submit the following:

- A completed Application for Title or Registration (REG 343).
- The Certificate of Title **or** an Application for Duplicate Title (REG 227).
- The original registration card.
- A vehicle verification.

NOTE: The department may accept a tracing of the vehicle identification number (VIN) when vehicle verification services are unavailable **and** verification would require movement of the vehicle to a DMV office by trailer. A Statement of Facts (REG 256) must be submitted with the tracing indicating what steps were taken to obtain a verification and why the vehicle cannot be taken to DMV.

- The Report of Sale–Used Vehicle (REG 51) **and** any bills of sale needed to establish a complete chain of ownership.
- Odometer mileage disclosure, if appropriate.
- A smog certification, if appropriate.
- Any license plates on the vehicle.
- Fees.

Retention of Old Plates by a Car Collector—Under specific circumstances, the department may allow a car collector to retain the old plates on the vehicle. Evidence that the plates were assigned to that vehicle (vehicle title or registration showing the plate number) **must** be submitted with the application and the plate configuration **must** be available and **not** in a series reserved for issuance as a special interest or other plate series. Check with your local DMV office.

8.025 Motorcycles with Unavailable Records

In April 2001, the department, in cooperation with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), implemented a pilot program for used motorcycles with no record on the department's files. The program requires these motorcycles to be referred to the CHP for verification of the identification and engine numbers. (The department did not start referring dealers to the CHP for the verification until June 1, 2001.)

The CHP completes the verification of the motorcycle using the back of the Application for Title or Registration (REG 343).

Applications for registration of a nonresident motorcycle with an out-of-state title or registration card **do not** require a CHP verification and can be verified by a department employee or a licensed vehicle verifier.

